IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JUWAN MITCHELL, :

Plaintiff :

v. : Case No. 3:23-cv-141-KAP

C. O. SHOPE, et al.,

Defendants :

Memorandum Order

Plaintiff Mitchell's motion for appointment of counsel, ECF no. 10, is denied. Local Civil Rule 10.C provides that "[a]bsent special circumstances, no motions for the appointment of counsel will be granted until after dispositive motions have been resolved." The local rule reflects the experience-based judgment of the District Court that, given the few attorneys who have expressed willingness to represent inmates *pro bono*, counsel should be reserved for cases pending trial. There are no special circumstances here: the plaintiff's status as an indigent prison inmate is the same as most applicants.

The plaintiff shall file a response to defendants' Motion to Dismiss, ECF no. 16, on or before May 28, 2024.

DATE: May 6, 2024

Keith A. Pesto,

United States Magistrate Judge

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